



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q82451

Ian David WORTHINGTON

Appln. No.: 10/502,293

Group Art Unit: 3743

Confirmation No.: 9187

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: July 22, 2004

For: TRACHEOSTOMA VALVE

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

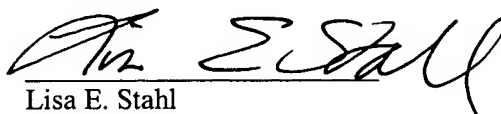
Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below (**Small Entity fees apply**):

| | After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|----------|------------|
| All Claims | 15 | - | 20 | = | | X | \$25.00 | = \$0.00 |
| Independent | 4 | - | 3 | = | 1 | X | \$100.00 | = \$100.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | = \$100.00 |

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$100.00 and all other required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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